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SUPPORT BY THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM OF THE EFFORTS OF GOVERNMENTS TO PROMOTE AND CONSOLIDATE NEW OR RESTORED DEMOCRACIES

Armenia, Australia, Belarus, Benin, Cambodia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, Georgia, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Nicaragua, Panama, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Suriname, United States of America and Uruguay: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the indissoluble links between the principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1/ and the foundations of any democratic society,

Recalling the Manila Declaration adopted by the First International Conference of New or Restored Democracies in June 1988, 2/

Recalling also its resolution 49/30 of 7 December 1994, in which it recognized the importance of the Managua Declaration and the Plan of Action, 3/ adopted by the Conference,

Recalling further the view expressed in the Managua Declaration that the international community must pay closer attention to the obstacles facing the new or restored democracies,

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ A/49/713, annex I.

3/ Ibid., annex II.

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Noting that during its forty-ninth session, there was considerable debate on this question, expressing the will and the need of Member States to call on the United Nations to consider ways and means to support further the efforts for consolidation and enhancement of the achievements of those countries in the process of democratization,

Bearing in mind that such activities of the United Nations carried out in support of the efforts of Governments are undertaken in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and at the request of Member States,

Also bearing in mind that democracy, development and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms are interdependent and mutually reinforcing,

Noting that throughout all continents of the world a considerable number of societies have recently initiated bold, profound and daring attempts to achieve their social, political and economic goals through democratization and reforming their economies, pursuits that are deserving of the support and recognition of the international community,

Noting with satisfaction that a Third International Conference on New or Restored Democracies will take place at Bucharest in 1996,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General, 4/ in which he presents the significant experiences of assistance that the United Nations has undertaken in the past, at the request of Member States, as well as important concepts and considerations that are pertinent to this question and that are shared deeply,

1. Welcomes with appreciation the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Commends the Secretary-General and through him the United Nations system for the activities undertaken at the request of Governments to support the efforts to consolidate democracy, as reflected in his report;

3. Recognizes that the Organization has an important role to play in providing timely, adequate and mutually reinforcing support to the efforts of Governments to achieve democratization within the context of their development efforts;

4. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue to optimize the capacity of the Organization to respond effectively to the requests of Member States for the provision of coordinated cooperation and assistance necessary in this field;

5. Encourages Member States to promote democratic values and ideas and to make additional efforts to identify possible steps to support the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly, at its fifty-first session, on the implementation of the present

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4/ A/50/332 and Corr.1.

resolution, including innovative ways and means, as well as new reflections, to enable the Organization to respond effectively and in an integrated manner to requests of Member States for assistance in this field;

7. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-first session the item entitled "Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies".